

CHAPTER NO. 832

SENATE BILL NO. 272

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 451

By Kent

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(4), is amended by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (G) and substituting instead a semicolon and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(H) "Club" also means a facility owned by a for-profit corporation incorporated in Tennessee prior to September 30, 2000, as a private club which does not discriminate against members or potential members or bona fide guests of such members on the basis of gender, race, religion or national origin, and further possesses the following characteristics:

(i) Is located within three (3) miles of a municipal golf course owned and operated by a home-rule municipality located in a county having a charter-form of government and having a population of not less than three hundred eighty-two thousand (382,000) nor more than three hundred eighty-two thousand one hundred (382,100), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

(ii) Has, on the effective date of this act, a minimum of three hundred (300) members paying annual dues with a copy of membership applications on file on the premises, and which issues to its members a membership card which authorizes admittance of the member and bona fide guests of such member; and

(iii) Has a kitchen and dining area having a minimum seating capacity of seventy-five (75) in a building having at least eighteen hundred square feet (1800 sq. ft.).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(e)(1), is amended by adding at the end of the second sentence of that subsection the following:

Further, notwithstanding the foregoing, a licensee holding a license issued pursuant to Sections 57-4-102(10) and 57-4-102(28) may sell and distribute alcoholic beverages and wine in unsealed containers to the occupant of a suite located within a sports authority facility or a convention center, provided that such occupant is at least 21 years of age, is authorized by the lessee of the suite to receive such alcoholic beverages and wine, and the alcoholic beverage or wine is not removed from the sports authority facility or convention center.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(28)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon (;) at the end of the subsection and adding thereto the following:

, a public building authority or a governmental entity;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, is amended by adding thereto the following appropriately numbered new subsection:

() "Suite" means any room or group of rooms, leased by the operator of a sports authority facility or a convention center, physically located within such facility or center, where access to such room or rooms is restricted to the lessee or such lessee's guests


SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 26, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of July 2002


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